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Dear Mr. Barba:

This office represents Colonial Metals Co. This letter is the response requested in Mr. Wassersug's March 5, 1987 letter.

You are advised that Colonial Metals denies it ever shipped hazardous substances to Eastern Diversified Metals or its affiliates. Nevertheless, Colonial Metals is willing to participate in the RI/FS, tentatively and conditionally.

The Statement of Work of Colonial Metals is that it tentatively and conditionally intends to participate as a part of a committee or group of other responsible parties to prepare appropriate studies and any initial remedial measures needed to secure the site.

All participation is conditioned on a final determination by EPA that hazardous substances were shipped by Colonial Metals to Eastern Diversified Metals or its affiliates and those wastes were not disposed of properly.

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Francisco Barba, Compliance Officer Page 2 March 23, 1987

This letter is <u>not</u> an admission of liability and is being offered solely for the purpose of settlement of the matters raised in the March 5, 1987 letter. Colonial Metals reserves the right to withdraw, modify or change this letter at any time without prior notice.

Very truly yours,

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By:

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cc: Colonial Metals Co.

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